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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Reply comments regarding State of Hawaii's  
TRS Certification, 12/31/02

Withdrawal of previously filed objections

Hawaii State Certification Renewal Application  
Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS)  
47 C.F.R. § 64.604 & 47 C.F.R. § 64.605  
May 1, 2002 FCC Public Notice (DA 02-1006)

We understand that the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission has accepted a bid submitted by Sprint Telecommunications Relay Service to provide TRS services (including Speech-to-Speech TRS). Service is to commence July 1, 2003.

As part of its proposal, Sprint offers to establish a relay center within the state of Hawai'i staffed by CAs who will understand Hawai'i place names and conversational vocabulary.

The following paragraph is extracted from the Executive Summary that was part of Sprint's bid submission:

**Hawai'i Relay Center on the island of Oahu**

Sprint, working with our partner CSD, is prepared to establish a state-of-the-art Relay Center in Hawai'i. TRS and Speech-to-Speech service will be handled by individuals from Hawai'i who understand and use the local vocabulary. Providing rewarding careers, stable employment, regional economic development and community involvement. These are all benefits that will be achieved with the establishment of the Hawai'i Relay Center on the island of Oahu. Sprint will also utilize the extensive Sprint Network to ensure uninterrupted services to all the islands of Hawai'i.

In anticipation that Sprint is prepared to follow through as they have proposed, there is little need to continue to challenge Hawai'i PUC's application for certification renewal of

its Telecommunications Relay Services. Accordingly, we wish to vacate our previously filed objections to certification renewal.

We look forward with great anticipation to the introduction of new TRS technology as described elsewhere in Sprint's proposal, and to a productive working relationship with Sprint and with the Hawai'i PUC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Barbara Fischlowitz-Leong". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and a long, sweeping underline.

Barbara Fischlowitz-Leong  
Executive Director